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Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A device for holding a sleeve of a garment in a rolled or gathered condition adjacent a wearer's shoulder, the device comprising:

an elongated body portion having opposite ends, the body portion including a core and a cover, the core located within an interior defined by the cover, the core being elastic to provide for a relaxed length of the core and a relatively longer stretched length in response to an applied tensile force; and

first and second end attachment portions connected to the opposite ends of the body portion, the end attachment portions adapted for engagement with each other,

the cover of the body portion defining a cross section that varies in size, the cover cross section reducing in size between an intermediate part of the body portion and the opposite ends of the body portion.

2. The sleeve holding device according to claim 1, wherein the cover of the body portion is attached to the core adjacent the opposite ends of the body portion.

3. The sleeve holding device according to claim 2, wherein the cover of the body portion is attached to the core when the core is held at its stretched length to define gathered portions of the cover when the core is at its relaxed length.

4. The sleeve holding device according to claim 3, wherein the cover has an ungathered length that is approximately equal to the stretched length of the core of the body portion.

5. The sleeve holding device according to claim 1, wherein the first and second end attachment portions respectively support hook and loop portions of a hook and loop connector for releasable engagement between the end attachment portions.

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6. The sleeve holding device according to claim 1, wherein the cover of the body portion is made from a length of a fabric material having opposite side edge portions secured to each other to define a closed cross section.

7. The sleeve holding device according to claim 6, wherein the secured edge portions of the fabric cover are located within the interior defined by the cover.

8. A device for holding a garment sleeve adjacent a wearer's shoulder, the device comprising:

an outer cover made from a fabric material, the outer cover defining a closed cross section forming an interior, the cross section tapering in size between an intermediate portion of the cover and opposite end portions of the cover;

an inner core made from an elastic material to provide extension of inner core from a relaxed length to a relatively longer stretched length under an applied tensile force; and

a connector including first and second parts secured to the opposite end portions of the cover for connection of the opposite end portions to each other.

9. The device according to claim 8, wherein the connector is a hook and loop connector including portions of hook and loop material.

10. The device according to claim 8, wherein the sleeve holder defines opposite first and second surfaces and wherein the first and second connector parts are respectively connected to the first and second surfaces such that the connector parts are oppositely located from each other when the sleeve holder is in an opened condition.

11. The device according to claim 8, wherein the outer cover is attached to the inner core adjacent the opposite end portions of the outer cover.

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12. The device according to claim 11, wherein the outer cover is attached to the inner core when the inner core is held at its stretched length such that the outer cover defines gathered portions when the inner core is returned to its relaxed length.

13. The device according to claim 12, wherein the outer cover has an ungathered length that is approximately equal to the stretched length of the inner core.